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BIOMETRIC ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS USING AN

ELECTRONIC RULE MODULE CLEARINGHOUSE

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AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Responsive to the Final Office Action, dated February 9, 2006, please amend the application as follows.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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